

Threaten to Destroy Church of St. Sophia

(Correspondence Associated Press)
LONDON, March 24.—Warning that the Turks had threatened to destroy the Church of St. Sophia in Constantinople, if any movement was ever undertaken to restore that church of the Christians has been received by government officials of Great Britain.

The subject was brought up in the House of Commons the other day when Arthur J. Balfour, the foreign minister, was asked if he had received a communication from Constantinople stating that the Turks intended to blow up the Church of St. Sophia if any public expression in opposition took place in the United Kingdom in favor of its restoration to Christianity of one of the oldest Christian churches in Europe.

Mr. Balfour replied that no official communication to that effect had been received but that such information had been conveyed by interested parties. He announced that Admiral Calhoun, British commander in Constantinople, had been instructed to take measures to protect the building and that he would see that these instructions were carried out.

Despite the warning there is a definite movement looking to the

restoration of the great cathedral church of ancient Constantinople to the use of the Christian religion. Erected at first in 360 A. D. and rebuilt in 537 as a Christian cathedral St. Sophia was appropriated by the Turks as a mosque house of worship and is now the principal mosque of Istanbul.

A memorial signed by the archbishops of Canterbury and York and others has been sent to Premier Lloyd George urging that while the great imperial mosque of Constantinople should remain in the hands of Islam, justice requires that the Christians of that city, who form a large majority of its inhabitants, should have their priceless building (St. Sophia) restored to them. It has no special sacredness for Muslims. Its value in their eyes is merely political.

"The great church is now in a serious condition and must inevitably collapse if it is not placed in capable hands," says the memorial.

"The glorious mosaics, a precious heritage among the artistic treasures of the world, should be uncovered from the defacement which is necessarily imposed so long as the building, constructed and decorated for one faith, is alienated and devoted to another."

DUTY OF AMERICA TO SAVE ARMENIA

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, April 19.—"We ask America simply to assume a burden, to perform a service to humanity," says Professor Gilbert Murray, of Oxford University, in a statement advocating that the United States accept a mandate of the league of nations to administer and protect Armenians.

"Armenia has been saved from the Turks and Kurds after suffering one of the most awful persecutions known in history," adds Professor Murray. "A remnant of the Armenians still alive can be recruited into a nation, but they will be too weak and disorganized to maintain independence or internal order, unless they are helped and protected by some other nation."

"The protecting nation must be very strong, absolutely disinterested, and not already overburdened by other duties elsewhere. There is no nation in the world except America which satisfies these four conditions."

"If America will accept the mandate, the Armenians can still be saved as a people. If America refuses, one more great region of the world is in danger of slipping from civilization."

CORPSES FIL OMSK CESSPOOLS

(Correspondence Associated Press)
OMSK, Siberia, March 14.—A Russian volunteer soldier who took part in the battle of Perm gives the following narrative of what he saw in the village of Kouzhino and far from Perm where he was stationed during the fighting which resulted in the complete defeat of the Red shield.

He was ordered to clean out three cesspools which were filled with the corpses of people who apparently he judged to be the intellectual or cultivated class of the community. Many of the bodies bore wounds made with swords. He removed 30 corpses from one first in the case of the victims ranging from 16 to 40 years. There were several women among the victims.

At the bodies were naked. There was reason to believe in the soldiers' opinion that many of the people were thrown into the pits still alive and they died by slow torture and from the effects of their wounds.

The inhabitants of the village were terrified that they acted like in some people. When the Siberian came to the village and the town was burning out, the people jumped for joy, throwing hands and skipping around in circles.

In the neighboring village of Gouzhovsk situated on a railroad, the people were found to be almost without nourishment and the condition of the children was pitiable to witness.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

Stockholders of the Central Divide Mining Company are now ready for delivery and may be had at the office of H. E. Bruce, Tonopah, Nevada.

PORTS HANDED BACK TO FRENCH

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, April 19.—The American activity which during the past few months has characterized the life of several French ports has ceased with the withdrawal of large American units. The ports are being handed back to the French and are resuming their normal activities.

Rouen is already on a peace basis and wholly controlled by the French. Havre, Marseille, Tonkin, Charente, Rochefort, Marans, La Rochelle and Les Sables d'Olonne soon will be deserted by American soldiers.

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(By Associated Press)
CHERLAKINSK, Russia, April 19.—Kenneth Filler, formerly head of the John Huss settlement at New York City, is now directing an American Young Men's Christian Association enterprise at Chelabinsk which is greatly appreciated by the Czechoslovak troops. Having lived in Bohemia he knows what best pleases the Czech army so he established a sausage factory and bakery. The sausage factory is turning out tons of sausages and does a business of 300,000 rubles monthly. The work is done by 25 German and Austrian prisoners.

Every day the bakery is making some of the rolls so popular in Prussia. Everything is sold at cost. In this practical manner, Mr. Filler has "made good" with the Bohemians and people generally. It was at Chelabinsk that the Czechoslovak troops inaugurated their campaign against the Bolsheviks and Maykars.

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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 5th day of May, 1919, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Saturday, the 7th day of June, 1919, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expense of sale.

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